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**REPRESENTATIVE DARREN SOTO STATEMENT
ON GROWTH MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION**

Representative Darren Soto (D-Orlando) issued the following remarks in response to today's Florida House vote on Senate Bill 360, an amended growth management bill.

"Florida is in economic crisis but there is no justification to defang our great state's growth management laws," said Representative Soto. "Earlier this legislative session, I was pleased to support efforts to extend permits and provide other assistance to our home builders and commercial construction industry in their time of need. But the growth management bill that the Florida House debated today goes too far.

"Provisions in the bill would undermine our state's ability to manage growth and adequately scrutinize local comprehensive plan amendments," added Representative Soto. "In its current form, the bill would undermine the Department of Community Affairs' role in managing Florida's growth. I urge legislative leaders and Governor Charlie Crist to find a better approach."

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